

REMARKS

The present amendment and request for reconsideration is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, the period of response having been extended until November 29, 2005. Claims 1-7, 9-18 and 20-37 remain pending in the application; claims 8 and 19 have been canceled, and claim 38 has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has subjected the application to an election of species because the application contains claims directed to "patentably distinct species of the claimed invention". To overcome this objection, the claims have been amended to depict only one invention. To that effect originally filed independent claims 9, 25 and 37 have been rewritten in dependent form while originally filed independent claims 8 and 19 have been canceled. Newly, rewritten dependent claims 9, 25 and 37 depend on claims 3 and 20 respectively.

Applicants also submits that claims 1-7, 9-18 and 20-37 have been amended for clarity and uniform use of language no new matter has been introduced by way of amendment or addition of the new claim 38. Applicant further submits that support for new claim 38 may be found in originally filed claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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